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SUBJ: DUTCH IMPORTS OF ANIMAL FATS FROM U.S. AND OTHER THIRD COUN-  
TRIES HAMPERED BY EC BEEF AND PORT IMPORT BAN

1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS FAT INDUSTRY HAS ALWAYS BEEN LARGE IMPORTER  
OF CRUDE AND/OR LOWER GRADES LARD AND TALLOW, WHICH WERE REFINED  
AND RE-EXPORTED. EC IMPORT BAN ON BEEF AND PORK THREATENS TO HAVE  
MAJOR IMPACT ON THESE IMPORTS. DUTCH PRODUCT BOARD FOR MARGARINE,  
FATS, AND OILS HAS FILED A STRONG PROTEST AT DUTCH MINAG STATING  
THAT THESE ANIMAL FATS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PROBLEMS ON  
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THE MEAT MARKETS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING THE IMPORT BANS ON BEEF/VEAL AND PORK, THE EC PUT OUT ORDINANCES NO. 1853/74 AND 1854/74 DATED JULY 16, 1974, THAT FORBID IMPORTS OF BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS UNDER THE SO-CALLED REGIME DU PERFECTIONEMENT ACTIF. THIS ORDINANCE WENT INTO EFFECT JULY 21, 1974. PRODUCT IMPORTATION IS ALLOWED 30 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCES. THESE ORDINANCES PERTAIN TO IMPORTS OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS FOR WHICH NO IMPORT DUTIES OR LEVIES HAVE BEEN PAID AND THE PRODUCT OR PRODUCTS ARE DESTINED TO BE RE-EXPORTED EITHER AS SUCH OR AFTER MANUFACTURER. UNFORTUNATELY, LARD AND TALLOW ARE INCLUDED IN THESE MEAT ORDINANCES; AND CONSEQUENTLY, ALL IMPORTS DESTINED FOR RE-EXPORT UNDER BTN NO. 15.01A (HOG GREASE AND LARD FOR BOTH HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND TECHNICAL USES) AND BTN NO. 15.02BI (TALLOW FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION) WILL HAVE TO BE DISCONTINUED BETWEEN AUGUST 15, 1974 AND APRIL 6, 1975.

3. DUTCH PRODUCT BOARD FOR MARGARINE, FATS, AND OILS PROTESTED SHARPLY AT MINAG AND URGED MINISTER TO TAKE STEPS AT THE EC TO ENSURE THAT HOG GREASE/LARD AND TALLOW WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM ORDINANCES NO. 1853/74 AND 1854/75. PRODUCT BOARDS'S POSITION WAS THAT THESE ANIMAL FATS DO NOT CONTRIBUTE AT ALL TO THE PROBLEMS IN THE EC BEEF AND PORK SECTORS.

4. DUTCH PRODUCT BOARD IS EVEN MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE EC COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY DRAFTING ANOTHER ORDINANCE (DOCUMENT GUD/608/74 DATED JULY 17, 1974) THAT PROPOSES TO BAN IMPORT OF BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS DESTINED TO BE RE-EXPORTED IN PRODUCT FORM. IF THE ORDINANCE IS ACCEPTED, IMPORTS OF HOG GREASE/LARD AND TALLOW DESTINED TO BE RE-EXPORTED, AMONG OTHERS UNDER BTN 15.03 (LARD STEARIN, OLEOSTEARINE, TALLOW STEARINE, TEC.) AND BTN 15.13 (MARGARINE, IMITATION LARD AND OTHER PREPARED EDIBLE FATS), WILL ALSO BE BANNED.

5. AG ATT COMMENT: THE EC BAN ON IMPORTS OF BEEF/VEAL AND PORK THREATENS TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON DUTCH IMPORTS OF U.S. HOG GREASE, LARD, AND TALLOW. THIS, BECAUSE A REPORTEDLY LARGE PROPORTION OF DUTCH IMPORTS OF U.S. HOG GREASE, LARD, AND TALLOW IS IMPORTED FOR MANUFACTURER AND RE-EXPORT. ACCORDING TO PRODUCT BOARD STATISTICS, IMPORTS OF ANIMAL FATS FROM THE U.S. IN CALENDAR 1972

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AND 1973 AMOUNTED TO 87,443 M.T. AND 75,360 M.T., RESPECTIVELY. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 30,000 AND 40,000 M.T. OF THESE IMPORTS WERE RE-EXPORTED IN VARIOUS FORMS. DUTCH INDUSTRY SOURCES REPORT THAT TO DATE HIGH VOLUME OF U.S. HOG GREASE AND TALLOW WERE CONTRACTED ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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